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REF: A. CAIRO 15692, B. TEHRAN 5854

1. IN REPLY TO REF A, AS PART OF BILATERAL US-IRAN
JOINT COMMISSION (USIRJC), NSF TOGETHER WITH GOI MINISTRY
OF SCIENCE AND HIGHER EDUCATION HAVE ARRANGED FOR AUTUMN
WORKSHOP. PROGRAM WAS ORGANIZED PRIMARILY BY UNIVERSITY
OF ARIZONA SPECIALISTS THIS FIELD.

2. LIST OF MAJOR TOPICS FOR AUTUMN BILATERAL WORKSHOP
TEHRAN FOLLOW FOR INFO: (A) WATER RESOURCES STUDIES--
SURFACE AND GROUND WATER, RUNOFF, SALT WATER, RESOURCES
ASSESSMENT; HYDROLOGY MODELS; CONJUNCTIVE USE; WATER
QUALITY PROBLEMS: SALT INTRUSION, SEDIMENTATION, EROSION,
NUTRIENTS, INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL POLLUTANTS; (B)
CLIMATOLOGY-DYNAMICS; PREDICTION; WEATHER MODIFICATION;
SENSING METHODS; (C) SOIL STUDIES-EROSION: PROBLEMS
AND CONTROL; TRANSPORT: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL BASIC STUDIES;
SALINIZATION; WATERLOGGING; (D) ECOLOGICAL STUDIES--
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SEMI-ARID AND ARID BIOSYSTEMS; RESISTANCE; RECOVERY AFTER
SHORT AND LONG-TERM PERTURBATION; (E) LAND USE-AGRI-
CULTURAL ACTIVITIES; IRRIGATION TECHNIQUES; DFORESTATION-
REFORESTATION; GREEN BELTS - DUNE FIXATION.

3. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE WORKSHOP WILL PROVIDE A SUITED
FORUM FOR THE U.S. AND IRANIAN SCIENTISTS (ARID-LAND

SPECIALISTS) TO ASSESS THE STATE-OF-THE-ART, AND FURTHER,
TO DEFINE AND PRIORITIZE RESEARCH NEEDS IN EACH OF THE
AREAS DISCUSSED.

4. COSTS FOR U.S. ATTENDANCE AT WORKSHOP ARE TO BE PAID
BY NSF WHOSE OBJECTIVE IS TO GENERATE COMMON INTEREST
FROM WORKSHOP SESSIONS, LEADING TO GOI SPONSORED PROJECTS
OF SPECIFIC NATURE. THIS WILL ULTIMATELY BENEFIT BOTH GOI
AND US BY INCREASED KNOWLEDGE OF ARID LAND SCIENCES.
REQUEST FOR INVITATION OF GOI PARTICIPATION, AT CAIRO
SUMMER WORKSHOP, REF B, IS SUPPORTIVE OF THIS U.S.
OBJECTIVE.
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